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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1, 4-5, 8-12, 14-15 and 18-20 are amended for the Examiner's consideration. The foregoing separate sheets marked as "Listing of Claims" shows all the claims in the application, with an indication of the current status of each .

In the specification, various corrections to grammar and syntax have been made. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has requested a substitute specification, which is attached hereto and contains no new matter. Any amendments to the specification during further prosecution of this case, including the foregoing amendments, reference the substitute specification. An indication of acceptance of the substitute specification is requested in the next office action.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The present amendment overcomes these objections.

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is acknowledged with appreciation.

In view of the foregoing amendments, which are believed to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, it is requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-20 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-787-9400 (fax: 703-787-7557; email: clyde@wcc-ip.com) to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

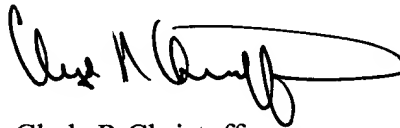
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If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clyde R. Christofferson', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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